The Green Key application process consists of three parts

- 1. Sending the application documents
- 2. Receiving on-site audits
- 3. Decision by National Jury

1. Application documents

- Ahead of the first award, the applicant establishment sends in a completed application form and all required supplementary documents.
- Ahead of subsequent awards, the applicant establishment sends in updates to the application material.

2. Audits

- On-site audits to the applicant establishments are as minimum carried out in year 1 (before first award), year 2 and thereafter every third year.
- Off-site audits (document evaluation) are carried out in the years without on-site audits.

3. Decision making

National Jury decides on the Green Key awards

General application process

- 1. The establishment contacts Green Key National Operator
- 2. The establishment sends the completed application form (including supplementary documents) and pays the participation fees
- 3. The establishment receives an on-site visit by an auditor
- 4. The application and audit report are presented for decision by the National or International Jury
- 5. If approved, the awarded establishment receives the plaque and the certificate (and a flag can be purchased)
- 6. The Green Key award is valid for 12 months and must be renewed annually
- 7. In the following years with on-site audits (year 2 and normally every third year): Before the end of the year of award, the awarded establishment sends updates to the application material, pays the fees and receives an on-site audit. The application and audit report is presented to the National Jury for decision

8. In the years without on-site audits: Before the end of the year of award, the awarded establishment sends updates to the application material and pays the fees. The application report is presented to the National Jury for a decision

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• If you are an establishment wishing to join the Green Key programme, please contact the <u>Green Key National Operator</u>.

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